

Superior Court of the State of California County of Madera

Presiding Judge: D. Lynn Jones Assistant Presiding Judge: Ernest J. LiCalsi

Court Executive Officer: Bonnie Thomas

March 28, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for taking the time to review the proposed and revised local rules for July 1, 2014. If you have any comments or questions on this topic, please contact me at the above address, or e-mail the Court Research Attorney at local.rules@madera.courts.ca.gov, and please include the words "Local Rules 2014" in the subject line. Please send your e-mail no later than May 15, 2014.

Please note that the following changes have been made:

- Throughout, minor spacing and wording issues have been addressed, including updating dates to July 1, 2014, where appropriate. Such changes are not noted below.
- Minor grammatical and/or spelling errors have been corrected and are not noted below.
- Rule 4.1.9 has been amended to update or correct internal citations. This amendment is not noted below.
- · Please note that the Table of Contents, List of Effective Rules and the Index may not be updated until the rules are formally adopted or amended.
- The Court is making substantive amendments to Rules 1.4.2(c) and 5.1.27. Those are noted below.

New Rule 1.4.2(c)

(c) The fee for any trial shall be deposited *by the time motions in limine are heard, or trial otherwise commences*. The fee for any hearing shall be due at the time the hearing is scheduled. The fee for any subsequent day of the trial or hearing shall be deposited with the Civil Division at the beginning of each subsequent day.

Old Rule 1.4.2(c)

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New Rule 5.1.27

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Thank you again for your interest and feedback.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Thomas

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